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FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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-against-

BRADLEY BRANICK

Appellant

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JEFF PIERCE,
BRADLEY BRANICK and
BARBARA TIRA,

Cr. No. _____
(T. 21, U.S.C., §§841(a)(1),
846, 952(a), 960(a)(1),
960(a)(2) and 963 and T. 18,
U.S.C., §2)

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

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On or about and between the 4th day of April 1976 and the 8th day of April 1976, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants JEFF PIERCE, BRADLEY BRANICK, and BARBARA TIRA did knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully conspire to import quantities of hashish oil, a Schedule I controlled substance in violation of Title 21, §952(a), §955, §960(a)(1) and §960(a)(2).
(Title 21, United States Code, Section 963).

In furtherance of the said unlawful conspiracy and for the purpose of effecting the objectives thereof, the defendant JEFF PIERCE committed the following.

O V E R T A C T

1. On or about the 4th day of April 1976 the defendant JEFF PIERCE flew from Pakistan to John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York.

COUNT TWO

On or about the 4th day of April 1976, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants JEFF PIERCE, BRADLEY BRANICK and BARBARA TIRA did knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from Pakistan a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule I controlled substance. (Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952(a) and 960(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2).

COUNT THREE

On or about the 4th day of April 1976, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants JEFF PIERCE, BRADLEY BRANICK and BARBARA TIRA did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule I controlled substance. (Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2).

COUNT FOUR

On or about the 8th day of April, 1976, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants BRADLEY BRANICK and BARBARA TIRA did knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from Pakistan a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule I controlled substance. (Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952(a) and 960(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2).

COUNT FIVE

On or about the 8th day of April 1976, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants BRADLEY BRANICK and BARBARA TIRA did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule I controlled substance. (Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2).

A TRUE BILL.

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David G. Trager
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

2 THE COURT: Members of the jury, we are now at the
3 stage of the trial where you are about to undertake your
4 final function as jurors. Your duty is a serious and
5 important one. In performing it you actively share
6 with the Court the responsibility of administering
7 justice according to law and the evidence in the case.

8 Your oath as jurors obliges you to discharge
9 this final task in an attitude of complete fairness
10 and impartiality and, as was emphasised by me when you
11 were selected as jurors, "without bias or prejudice for
12 or against the Government or the defendants as parties
13 to this controversy. The case is important to the
14 Government, since the enforcement of the criminal laws
15 is of prime importance to the welfare of the community.
16 Obviously it is equally important to the defendants
17 who are charged with a serious crime and have the right
18 to receive a fundamentally fair trial. The community
19 has an interest in that too.

20 Let me add, the fact that the Government is a
21 party entitles it to no greater consideration than
22 accorded to any other party to a litigation. By the
23 same token it is entitled to no less consideration.
24 All parties, Government and individuals alike stand as
25 equals before the bar of justice.

2 Your final role is to decide and pass upon the
3 fact issues in the case. You are the sole and exclusive
4 judges of the facts. You determine the weight of the
5 evidence, you appraise the credibility of the witnesses.
6 You draw the reasonable inferences from the evidence.
7 You resolve such conflicts as there may be in the
8 evidence. I shall later refer to how you determine
9 credibility of witnesses.

10 My final function is to instruct you as to the
11 law. It is your duty to accept these instructions as
12 to the law and to apply them to the facts as you may
13 find them. With respect to any fact matter, it is your
14 recollection and yours alone that governs. As I have
15 already told you anything that counsel, either for the
16 Government or the defense may have said with respect
17 to the matters in evidence, whether during the trial,
18 in a question, in an argument or in summation is not to
19 be substituted for your own recollection of the evidence;
20 so too anything the Court may have said during the trial
21 or may have referred to during the course of these
22 instructions as to any matter in evidence is not to be
23 taken in lieu of your own recollection.

24 There are certain principles of law which apply
25 in every criminal case and to which I made reference

and emphasized at the time of your selection as jurors. I repeat them now. The indictment is merely an accusation, a charge. It is not evidence or proof of a defendant's guilt. Each defendant on trial has pleaded not guilty. Thus the Government has the burden of proving the charges against each defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. They do not have to prove their innocence.

On the contrary they are presumed to be innocent of the accusations contained in the indictment. This presumption of innocence was in their favor at the start of the trial, continued in their favor throughout the trial, is in their favor even as I instruct you now and remains in their favor during the course of your deliberations in the jury room. It is removed only if and when you are satisfied that the Government has sustained its burden of proving the guilt of each defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. The question that naturally comes up is what is a reasonable doubt. The words almost define themselves.

That there is a doubt founded in reason and arising out of the evidence in the case or the lack of evidence. It is a doubt which a reasonable person has after carefully weighing all the evidence. Reasonable

2 doubt is a doubt which appeals to your reason, your
3 judgment, your common sense and your experience. It is
4 not caprice, whim, speculation, conjecture or
5 suspicion. It is not an excuse to avoid the performance
6 of an unpleasant duty. It is not sympathy for a
7 defendant.

8 If after a fair and impartial consideration of
9 all the evidence you can confidently and honestly say
10 you are not satisfied of the guilt of a defendant, that
11 you do not have an abiding conviction of his guilt, in
12 sum, if you have such a doubt as would cause you as
13 a prudent person to hesitate before acting in matters
14 of importance to yourselves, then you have a reasonable
15 doubt and in that circumstance it is your duty to acquit.

16 On the other hand, if after such an impartial
17 and fair consideration of all the evidence you can
18 confidently and honestly say you do have an abiding
19 conviction of a defendant's guilt, such a conviction as
20 you would be willing to act upon in important and
21 weighty matters in the personal affairs of your own
22 life, then you have no reasonable doubt and under such
23 circumstances it is your duty to convict.

24 One final word on this subject: reasonable doubt
25 does not mean a positive certainty or beyond all possible

2 doubt. If that were the rule, few persons however guilty
3 they might be would be convicted. It is practically
4 impossible for a person to be absolutely and completely
5 convinced of any controverted fact which by its nature
6 is not susceptible of mathematical certainty. In
7 consequence, the law in a criminal case is that it is
8 sufficient if the guilt of a defendant is established
9 beyond a reasonable doubt. Not beyond all possible
10 doubt. I might add further that the requirement of
11 proof beyond a reasonable doubt operates on the whole case
12 and not on the separate bits of evidence. Each
13 individual item of evidence need not be proven beyond a
14 reasonable doubt.

15 Now, let us turn to the charges against the
16 defendants on trial. The defendants Bradley Branick
17 and Barbara Tira are charged in Count One of the
18 indictment with conspiring to import quantities of a
19 controlled substance. Namely, hashish oil, in
20 violation of certain provisions of Title 21, United
21 States Code. Now, I am going to read Count One to you
22 or reread it.

23 It states that, "On or about and between the
24 4th day of April, 1976, and the 8th day of April, 1976,
25 both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the

2 Eastern District of New York, the defendants -- it
3 refers to the defendant Jeff Pierce, Bradley Branick
4 and Barbara Tira, all knowingly and wilfully and
5 unlawfully conspire to import quantities of hashish oil,
6 a Schedule One controlled substance in violation of Title
7 21, 1952 (a) and certain other sections of that Title."

8 Then it goes on to say, "In furtherance of said
9 unlawful conspiracy and for the purpose of effecting
10 the objectives thereof, the defendant Jeffrey Pierce
11 committed the following overt acts.

12 "One, on or about the 4th day of April, 1976,
13 the defendant Jeffrey Pierce, flew from Pakistan to
14 John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York."

15 Now, one of the sections referred to in that
16 count is Title 21, Section 952 (a) and that Federal
17 statute provides and I quote, "It shall be unlawful to
18 import into the customs territory of the United States
19 from any place outside thereof, but within the United
20 States, any controlled substance."

21 Section 960 provides in substance, "Any person
22 who 1, contrary to SEction 952, the statute I just read,
23 knowingly or intentionally imports a controlled
24 substance, shall be punished as provided in
25 Subsection (b) of this Section.

2 Now, the Congressional purpose expressed in the
3 Federal Drug Act, as I shall abbreviate it, was to
4 prevent traffic in or improper use of drugs having a
5 substantial and detrimental effect on the health and
6 general welfare of the American people. Now, Section
7 963 of the Drug Act refers to Count One of the
8 indictment. It reads in pertinent part as follows:
9 "Any person who attempts or conspires to commit any
10 offense defined in this subchapter is punishable by
11 imprisonment, fine or both."

12 The word import as used in the Drug Act means:
13 any bringing in or introduction of a controlled
14 substance into this country. The word customs territory
15 of the United States simply means all of the United
16 States which includes the District of Columbia and
17 the District of Puerto Rico.

18 Four essential elements are required to be proved
19 by the Government, beyond a reasonable doubt, in order
20 to establish the guilt of the defendants of conspiring
21 to import a controlled substance into the United
22 States as charged in Count One of the indictment.

23 First, that the conspiracy described in the
24 indictment was knowingly and wilfully formed by two or
25 more persons and was executed at or about the time

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2 alleged. Second, that the defendant whose guilt or
3 innocence you are considering knowingly and wilfully
4 became a member of the conspiracy. Third, that the
5 objective of the conspiracy was to commit an unlawful
6 act, that is bring into the United States a controlled
7 substance prohibited by law. Fourth, that at least
8 one of the persons involved committed one of the overt
9 acts, that is knowingly did something in furtherance
10 of the conspiracy.

11 The indictment as I have said, charges that the
12 conspiracy began on or about April 4, 1976, and
13 continued to on or about April 8, 1976. The exact
14 dates are not critical. If you find beyond a reasonable
15 doubt that the conspiracy charge existed at any time
16 during that period, that is sufficient.

17 Now, what is a conspiracy? A conspiracy is
18 simply a combination of two or more persons, by
19 concerted action, to accomplish some unlawful purpose
20 or to accomplish some lawful purpose by an unlawful
21 means. So, a conspiracy is referred to as a kind of
22 partnership in criminal purposes, in which each member
23 becomes the agent of every other member. The gist of
24 the offense is a combination or agreement to disobey
25 or disregard the law.

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2 Mere similarity of conduct amongst various
3 persons, however, and the fact they may have associated
4 with each other and may have assembled and discussed
5 common aims and interests does not necessarily establish
6 proof of the existence of a conspiracy. However, the
7 evidence in the case need not show that the members
8 entered into any expressed or formal agreement: or
9 that they directly by word, spoken or in writing,
10 stated between themselves what their objective or
11 purpose was to be or the details thereof or the means by
12 which the objective or purpose was to be accomplished.
13 What the evidence in the case must show, beyond a
14 reasonable doubt, in order to establish proof that the
15 conspiracy existed is that the members in some way or
16 manner or through some contrivance, positively or
17 tacitly came to a mutual understanding to try to
18 accomplish a common and unlawful plan.

19 In this case, as I have told you, Count One of
20 the indictment charges a conspiracy was formed amongst
21 Jeff Pierce, who is named as a defendant in the indict-
22 ment, but is not here on trial, and the defendants
23 Bradley Branick and Barbara Tira who are on trial. A
24 person cannot conspire with himself. Then, therefore,
25 you cannot find any of the defendants on trial guilty of

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the charge in Count One unless you find, beyond a
3 reasonable doubt, that one or both of them participated
4 in the conspiracy as charged with Jeff Pierce. In that
5 connection, the fact that Jeff Pierce testified that he
6 plead guilty to Count One, the conspiracy count, may
7 not be considered by you as proof of the existence of
8 the conspiracy charge or that either of the defendants
9 were members of it. A conspiracy comes to an end when
10 all the alleged co-conspirators have been arrested.

11 A statement made by one of them after the
12 conspiracy is over is not binding upon any person
13 charged with membership. You are to give no weight
14 whatsoever to Mr. Pierce's plea of guilty, either with
15 respect to the existence of a conspiracy as alleged or
16 the guilt of the defendants on trial. Furthermore, as
17 I have said, a person cannot conspire with himself and
18 therefore you cannot find either of the defendants
19 guilty unless you find beyond a reasonable doubt that
20 one or both of them participated in a conspiracy with
21 Mr. Pierce, based upon the evidence as to their state-
22 ments and conduct.

23 This brings us to the second element of whether
24 one or both of the defendants on trial was or became a
25 member of the conspiracy charged in Count One. One may

2 become a member of a conspiracy without full knowledge
3 of all the details of the conspiracy. On the other
4 hand, a person who has no knowledge of the conspiracy,
5 but happens to act in a way which furthers some object
6 or purpose of a conspiracy, does not thereby become a
7 conspirator. Before the jury may find that a defendant
8 or any other person has become a member of a conspiracy
9 the evidence in the case must show beyond a reasonable
10 doubt that the conspiracy was knowingly formed and that
11 the defendant or another person who is claimed to have
12 been a member, wilfully participated in the unlawful
13 plan with the intent to advance or further some object
14 or purpose of the conspiracy.

15 Now, that instruction has used the word knowingly.
16 An act is done knowingly if done voluntarily and
17 intentionally and not because of mistake or accident
18 or other innocent reason. To act or participate wilfully
19 means to act or participate voluntarily and intentionally
20 and with the specific intent to do something the law
21 forbids or with the specific intent to fail to do
22 something the law requires to be done: that is to
23 say, to act or participate with the bad purpose,
24 either to disobey or disregard the law.

25 So, if the defendant, having the understanding of

2 the unlawful character of the plan, knowingly encourages,
3 advises or assists for the purpose of furthering the
4 undertaking or the scheme, he thereby becomes a wilful
5 participant, a conspirator. One who wilfully joins in
6 an existing conspiracy and is charged with the same
7 responsibility as if he had been one of the originators
8 or instigators of the conspiracy.

9 In determining whether a conspiracy existed,
10 you should consider the actions and declarations of all
11 of the alleged participants, including Jeffrey Pierce.
12 However, in determining whether a particular defendant
13 was a member of a conspiracy, if any, you should consider
14 only his or her acts and statements. A defendant cannot
15 be bound by the acts or declarations of another parti-
16 cipant unless it is established that a conspiracy
17 existed and that he was one of its members. Whenever
18 it appears beyond a reasonable doubt from the evidence
19 in the case that a conspiracy existed and that a defen-
20 dant was one of its members, then the statements there-
21 after knowingly made and the acts thereaft ~ knowingly
22 done by the other person, likewise found to be a member,
23 may be considered by the jury as evidence in the case
24 as to the defendants found to have been a member, even
25 though the statement and the act may have occurred in

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1 the absence and without knowledge of the other defendant;
2 provided such statements and acts were knowingly made
3 and done during the continuance of such conspiracy and
4 in furtherance of some object of the conspiracy.

5 Otherwise, any admission or incriminatory state-
6 ment made or done outside of court by any one person
7 may not be considered as evidence against any
8 person who was not present and did not hear the state-
9 ment made or see the act done. Therefore, statements of
10 any conspirator which are not in furtherance of a con-
11 spiracy or made before its existence, or after its
12 termination, may be considered as evidence only against
13 the person making them.

14 In the consideration of the evidence in the
15 case, as to the offense of conspiracy charged, you
16 should first determine whether or not the conspiracy
17 existed as alleged in the indictment. If you conclude
18 that the conspiracy did exist, you should next deter-
19 mine whether or not the accused defendant wilfully
20 became a member of a conspiracy. If it appears beyond
21 a reasonable doubt from the evidence in the case that
22 the conspiracy alleged in the indictment was wilfully
23 formed and that a defendant wilfully became a member
24 of the conspiracy, either at its inception or afterwards,

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then there may be a conviction, even if the conspirators may not have successfully accomplished any common object and or purpose and in fact may have failed to do something. Any defendant's participation moreover is not determinative of his guilt or innocence. A defendant may be convicted as a conspirator, even though he may have played only a minor part in the conspiracy.

This brings us to the third essential element, namely, whether the object of the conspiracy was to bring into the United States a prohibited controlled substance. If you find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the substance contained in the several plastic bags admitted into evidence as Government's exhibits is in fact hashish oil, then I instruct you as a matter of law that that substance would be a controlled substance within the meaning of the Drug Act, the importation of which is prohibited by law.

This brings us to the fourth element, the commission of an overt act in furtherance of a conspiracy charged. You will recall as I said before that the indictment in Count One alleges as an overt act that on or about April 4, 1976, Jeffrey Pierce flew from Pakistan to John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York. Although the gist of the offense of the conspiracy is

2 the unlawful agreement between two or more individuals,
3 nonetheless you will have to find beyond a reasonable
4 doubt that Jeff Pierce's travelling from Pakistan to
5 New York was in furtherance of an existing conspiracy
6 and not an unrelated individual act. To sum up with
7 respect to Count One, as the evidence stands in this
8 case, in order to find a conspiracy you must find,
9 beyond a reasonable doubt, that one or both of the
10 defendants on trial and Jeff Pierce, the third alleged
11 co-conspirator, wilfully conspired or agreed that one
12 or more of them would import hash oil into the United
13 States concealed in such a manner as to evade discovery
14 by the customs authority. If you do not find that there
15 was such an agreement or understanding, then you cannot
16 find that a conspiracy existed.

17 Whether a defendant knowingly or intentionally
18 participated presents an issue of fact. Proof of
19 requisite knowledge and intent on the part of an alleged
20 conspirator need not be made by direct evidence. By
21 direct evidence is meant the testimony of a person who
22 claims to have knowledge derived through the senses:
23 for example, an eyewitness. The existence of a conspiracy
24 and the defendant's participation in it may be shown by
25 circumstantial evidence: by which we mean the existence

3 of facts and circumstances from which the existence of
4 other facts and circumstances may reasonably be inferred.

5 As I have said, explicit words are not required to
6 indicate an association or attachment to a conspiracy.
7 The essence of the conspiracy is the common plan or
design.

8 In determining whether there was an unlawful
9 agreement, you may judge the acts and conduct of the
10 alleged co-conspirators which are done to carry out an
11 apparent criminal purpose. These include discussions
12 and conversations among themselves to that end. If
13 you find circumstances of secrecy, or attempts to conceal
14 the true nature of the transactions, these may be
15 considered by you as circumstantial evidence of a
16 criminal intent.

17 However, mere association of a defendant with
18 co-conspirator or conspirators does not establish
19 participation in a conspiracy if you find one did exist.
20 Nor is knowledge of the illegal acts of others sufficient.
21 Thus, the mere existence or association or friendship
22 between a defendant and an alleged co-conspirator
23 by itself would not be sufficient to establish that
24 defendant's participation in the conspiracy. Likewise,
25 as I said before, if one acts in a way which furthers
the conspiracy, but has no knowledge of it, he does not

3 thereby become a participant. What is necessary, as I
4 already said, is that the defendant must participate
5 in the conspiracy with knowledge of at least some of its
6 purposes and with the intent to aid in the accomplish-
7 ment of its unlawful purpose. A single act may be
8 enough to draw a defendant within the ambit of a
9 conspiracy, provided you are convinced beyond a
10 reasonable doubt that the defendant knew of the
11 conspiracy and associated himself with it.

12 Now, let us turn to Count Two of the indictment,
13 which charges the defendants on trial with knowingly
14 and intentionally importing into the United States from
15 Pakistan, a quantity of hashish oil, in violation of
16 the Federal Drug Act. Now, let me read Count Two.
17 "Count Two charges on or about the 4th day of April,
18 1976, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, within
19 the Eastern District of New York, the defendants Jeffrey
20 Pierce, Bradley Branick and Barbara Tira did knowingly
21 and intentionally import into the United States from
22 Pakistan a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule One
23 controlled substance, and certain sections of the United
24 States Code are therein referred to. Before either of
25 the defendants on trial may be convicted on the charge
of importing in Count Two of the indictment, the Govern-
ment must establish beyond a reasonable doubt the

following two essential elements:

First, that on or about April 4, 1976, a quantity of hashish oil was brought into the United States concealed on the person or effects of Jeff Pierce.

Second, that a defendant on trial knew that the hashish oil was being illegally imported by Pierce and that said defendant knowingly and intentionally aided and abetted its importation.

I've already explained the meaning of importation to you and that to act knowingly is to do so voluntarily and intentionally and not because of mistake, accident or other innocent reason. I've also explained that to act intentionally means to do so with specific intent to do something the law forbids or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done. that is to act or participate with the bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law.

There is evidence in this case that on April 4, 1976, hashish oil was found in a suitcase carried by Jeffrey Pierce who arrived alone from Pakistan on that date. You may wonder why the defendants on trial are also charged with that offense. The answer to that question is found in another United States criminal statute known as the Aiding and Abetting Statute, on

2 which the Government relies in charging the defendants
3 on trial under Count Two.

4 That Statute, Section 2 of Title 18, United
5 States Code, reads as follows; "Whoever commits an
6 offense against the United States or aids, abets,
7 counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission,
8 is punishable as a principal.

9 B, whoever wilfully causes an act to be done,
10 which if directly performed by him or another would be
11 an offense against the United States is punishable as
12 a principal.

13 Under the foregoing statute it is not necessary
14 for the Government to show that a defendant personally
15 committed the crime charged. A person who aids and
16 abets another person to commit an offense is just as
17 guilty of the offense as if he himself committed every
18 act related to it. Accordingly, you may find a defendant
19 on trial guilty of the substantive offenses of importing
20 if you find beyond a reasonable doubt, as the Government
21 charges, that Jeff Pierce committed the offense and that
22 a particular defendant aided and abetted him.

23 In order to find that a defendant aided and
24 abetted, you must be satisfied, beyond a reasonable
25 doubt, that that defendant in some way knowingly

3 associated himself or herself with the criminal venture
4 in a meaningful way. That he or she knowingly participated
5 in it as something he or she wished to bring
about and by some action to make it succeed.

6 In other words, if one, fully aware of what he
7 is doing plays a significant role in furthering a
8 transaction prohibited by law, he is an aider and
9 abettor, and as such he is equally guilty with the person
10 who directly performed the illegal acts which constitute
11 the crime. One final word on the subject of aiding
12 and abetting -- the mere presence of a defendant at a
13 place where the crime may have been committed or planned
14 or where events which may be part of a conspiracy
15 may have transpired, is not a sufficient basis to find
16 that such a defendant aided and abetted in the commission
17 of a crime or knowingly participated in the conspiracy
18 and intended to further its aims.

19 The law requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt
20 that a defendant knowingly played a part as an aider
21 and abettor. Mere knowledge or association does not
22 make out an offense of aiding or abetting.

23 Now, let us turn to the third count in the
24 indictment which charges the defendants on trial with
25 knowingly and intentionally possessing, with intent to

2 distribute, a quantity of hashish oil at John F.
3 Kennedy International Airport on April 4, 1976. Count
4 Three, which I shall read to you, charges, "That on or
5 about the 4th day of April, 1976, at John F. Kennedy
6 International Airport, within the Eastern District of
7 New York, the defendants Jeffrey Pierce, Bradley Branick
8 and Barbara Tira did knowingly and intentionally possess
9 with intent to distribute a quantity of hashish oil,
10 a Schedule One Controlled Substance in violation of the
11 law" and there are listed certain statutory references.
12 Now, before either of the defendants on trial may be
13 convicted of a charge of possession in Count Three,
14 the government must establish, beyond a reasonable
15 doubt, the following essential elements.

16 First, that on or about April 4, 1976, Jeffrey
17 Pierce had in his possession, knowingly and intentionally,
18 a quantity of hashish oil with intent to distribute it.
19 Second, that one or both of the defendants on trial
20 knowingly and intentionally aided and abetted Jeffrey
21 Pierce in that possession with such intent. Again, as
22 in the case of the charge in Count Two of the indict-
23 ment, if the evidence tends to show it was Jeff Pierce
24 who alone arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport on
25 April 4, 1976, with a quantity of hashish oil concealed

3 in the suitcase, again, the Government relies on the
4 aiding and abetting statute in charging the two defen-
5 dants on trial with possession of that quantity of
6 hashish oil with intent to distribute it.

7 The same aiding and abetting statute applies to
8 the charge in Count Three as I've explained to you with
9 respect to Count Two. However, there are some terms
10 which warrant explanation. The term possession has two
11 meanings. Actual and constructive. Possession is
12 actual when a person has a thing in his manual or
13 physical control. Possession is constructive when a
14 person, although not having an article in his possession,
15 nevertheless has the power to control its disposition;
16 that is by directing its transfer to someone else,
17 setting a price for the sale and so forth.

18 The term intent to distribute simply means having
19 the intention of transferring or selling the hashish
20 oil at some point to someone else.

21 Again, you will have to decide whether either or
22 both of the defendants on trial knowingly and inten-
23 tionally aided and abetted Jeffrey Pierce in his posses-
24 sion of the hashish oil on April 4, 1976, with intent
25 to distribute it. If so, then understanding the aiding
and abetting statute, one or both of the defendants on

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2 trial may be found guilty as a principal if you are
3 satisfied by the proof, beyond a reasonable doubt.

4 Now, let us turn to Count Four of the indictment
5 which charges the defendants on trial with knowingly
6 and intentionally importing into the United States, from
7 Pakistan, a quantity of hashish oil, on or about April 8,
8 1976.

9 Now, Count Four, which I will read to you charges
10 that, "On or about the 8th day of April, 1976, at John
11 F. Kennedy International Airport, within the Eastern
12 District of New York, the defendants Bradley Branick and
13 Barbara Tira did knowingly and intentionally import into
14 the United States from Pakistan, a quantity of hashish
15 oil, A Schedule One Controlled Substance." Again, there
16 are statutory references.

17 Now, before either defendant may be convicted on
18 the charge in Count Four, the Government must establish
19 beyond a reasonable doubt, the following essential
20 elements: first, that on or about April 8, 1976, at
21 John F. Kennedy International Airport, a quantity of
22 hashish oil was brought into the United States, concealed
23 in the suitcase carried by the defendant Barbara Tira.
24 Second, that one or both of the defendants on trial
25 knowingly and intentionally participated in bringing

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2 about the importation of that hashish oil.

3 The same principles and definitions already
4 explained apply to Count Four also. I will therefore
5 turn immediately to Count Five which charges the defen-
6 dants on trial with knowingly and intentionally possessing
7 a quantity of hashish oil, with intent to distribute it
8 on or about April 8, 1976.

9 Now, Count Five reads that: "On or about the 8th
10 day of April, 1976, at John F. Kennedy International
11 Airport, within the Eastern District of New York, the
12 defendants Bradley Branick and Barbara Tira did
13 knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to
14 distribute a quantity of hashish oil, a Schedule One
15 Controlled Substance." Again, there are statutory
16 references. Again, the same principles and definitions
17 that are applicable to Count Three apply to Count Five.

18 Now, before you may find, incidentally, either
19 defendant guilty of possession of the hashish oil, you
20 must find that the defendant had knowledge of its
21 presence. That the defendant you are considering
22 exercised some form of dominion and control over it and
23 intended to exercise such control.

24 A defendant may be proven guilty, as I said
25 before, by either direct or circumstantial evidence.

2 The law makes no distinction as to the weight to be
3 given to either direct or circumstantial evidence.
4 Circumstantial evidence, if believed, is of no less
5 value than direct evidence: for in either case you must be
6 convinced, beyond a reasonable doubt, of the guilt of
7 a defendant. In this case the Government relies upon
8 both the direct and circumstantial evidence.

9 Now, in this case it is obvious that as to all
10 four counts, other than the first count of conspiracy,
11 the critical question is whether the defendants on
12 trial knew that the substance in both suitcases or one
13 or both suitcases was hashish oil. That element of
14 actual knowledge that either Jeffrey Pierce or Barbara
15 Tira was bringing and importing that substance into the
16 United States is an essential element of each of the
17 offenses charged, both as to importing and as to posses-
18 sion.

19 You may not find either defendant guilty of any
20 count unless you find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that
21 he or she knew the hashish oil was being imported into
22 the country. The fact of knowledge as I have indicated
23 may be established by direct or circumstantial evidence,
24 just as any other fact in the case.

25 Knowledge may be proven by a defendant's conduct.

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since we have no way of looking into a person's mind directly. Here the defendant Tira by her not guilty plea has in effect denied knowledge of the hashish oil allegedly found in her suitcase.

Now, in this connection, bear in mind one may not wilfully and intentionally remain ignorant of facts, important and material to his conduct in order to escape the consequences of the criminal law. If you find from all the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant Tira deliberately and consciously tried to avoid learning that there was such a substance in the suitcase she was carrying, in order to be able to say when she was apprehended that she did not know, you may treat this deliberate avoidance of positive knowledge as equivalent of knowledge.

In other words, you may find the defendant acted knowingly if you find that either she actually knew she had hashish oil or that she deliberately closed her eyes to what she had every reason to believe was the fact.

I should like to emphasize again, members of the jury, the requisite knowledge cannot be established by mere negligence or even foolishness on the part of a defendant.

2 Now, during the course of the trial the Court
3 permitted evidence of certain claimed prior similar
4 acts to be introduced. At that time I pointed out to
5 you that the defendants were not on trial for what was
6 alleged to have been done and claimed to have been done
7 in 1972 or in 1973. This indictment pertains solely
8 to claimed criminal conduct occurring in 1976.

9 So, evidence that an act was done at one time
10 or on one occasion is not any evidence or proof whatever
11 that a similar act was done at another time or and
12 another occasion: that is to say that a defendant may
13 have committed an earlier act of a like nature may not
14 be considered by you in determining whether the accused
15 committed any act charged in the indictment. Nor may
16 evidence of an alleged earlier act of like nature be
17 considered for any other purpose, whatever, unless you
18 the Jury first find that the other evidence in the
19 case, standing alone, establishes, beyond a reasonable
20 doubt, that the accused did the particular act or acts
21 charged in a particular count of the indictment. Then,
22 after deliberation, if you should find beyond a reasonable
23 doubt that from the other evidence in the case that the
24 accused did the acts charged in the particular count
25 under deliberation, then you may consider evidence as

2 to alleged earlier acts of a like nature in determining
3 the state of mind or intent with which the accused did
4 the act in the particular count.

5 Where proof of an alleged earlier act is
6 established by evidence which is clear and convincing
7 you may, but are not obliged to draw the inferences
8 and find that in doing the act charged in the count
9 under deliberation the accused acted wilfully and with
10 specific intent and not because of mistake or accident
11 or other innocent reason.

12 In this case, in addition to the evidence
13 regarding prior or similar acts that I have just
14 mentioned, the Government introduced through its
15 witnesses evidence of claimed statements made by the
16 defendants following their arrest. Evidence relating
17 to any statement or act or admission claimed to have
18 been made or done by the defendant outside of court and
19 after a crime has been committed should always be
20 considered with caution and weighed with great care and
21 all such evidence should be disregarded entirely unless
22 the evidence in the case convinces you beyond a reason-
23 able doubt, that the statement or act or admission is
24 knowingly made or done.

25 As I have said before, an act is done or an

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2 omission is performed knowingly if it is done voluntarilly and intentionally and not because of mistake,
3 accident or other innocent reason. In determining
4 whether any statement or act or omission claimed to
5 have been made by a defendant outside of court and
6 after a crime was committed, was knowingly made or
7 done, you may take into consideration the age, sex,
8 training, education, occupation and physical and mental
9 condition of the defendant and the treatment given the
10 defendant while in custody or while under interrogation
11 as shown by the evidence in the case and also all other
12 circumstances in evidence surrounding the making the
13 statement or act or omission, including whether, if the
14 statement or act or omission was made or done, the
15 defendant knew or had been told and understood that he
16 or she was not under an obligation or required to make
17 the statement or to do some act claimed to have been
18 made or done by him or her, that any statement, act or
19 omission which might be made, which will be used
20 against a defendant in the court, the defendant is
21 entitled to assistance of counsel before making any
22 statement, either orally or in writing and that if the
23 defendant is without money or means to retain counsel
24 of his own choice, an attorney would be appointed to

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2 advise and represent the defendant, free of cost or
3 obligation.

4 If the evidence in the case does not convince
5 you, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the admissions or
6 confession was made intentionally and voluntarily, you
7 should disregard it entirely. On the other hand if
8 the evidence in the case does show, beyond a reasonable
9 doubt, that an admission or confession was in fact
10 voluntary and intentionally made by a defendant, you
11 may consider it as evidence in the case against the
12 defendant who made it.

13 It must be apparent to you that the Government
14 and defense are in sharp divergence and critical issues
15 of fact and credibility are raised. You are called
16 upon to decide the facts in issue here. How do you
17 decide this?

18 Now, I think you understand why at the start of
19 the trial I suggested it would be desirable and impor-
20 tant for you not only to listen, but to look at the
21 witnesses as they testified. Your determination of the
22 issue of credibility very largely must depend upon the
23 impression that a witness made upon you as to whether
24 or not he was telling the truth or giving you an
25 accurate version of what occurred. I often say to

2 Jurors when you walk into the courtroom and sit in the
3 jury box, while the trial is going on and later when
4 you are deliberating in the jury room, you bring with
5 you your common sense, good judgment and your experience
6 with you. You decide whether or not a witness was
7 straightforward and truthful: whether he attempted to
8 conceal anything: whether he has a motive to testify
9 falsely: whether there is any reason why he might color
10 his testimony.

11 In other words, what you try to do, to use the
12 vernacular, is to size a person up just as you would do,
13 as I said before, in any important matter where you were
14 undertaking to determine whether or not a person is
15 truthful, candid and straightforward.

16 In passing upon the credibility of a witness,
17 you may also take into account inconsistencies or
18 contradictions as to material matters in his own testi-
19 mony, or any conflict with that of another witness.

20 A witness, however, may be inaccurate, contra-
21 dictory or even untruthful in some respects, and yet be
22 entirely credible in the essentials of his testimony.

23 The ultimate question for you to decide in passing
24 upon credibility is did the witness tell the truth here
25 before you as to essential matters.

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2 Aside from the general considerations regarding
3 the evaluation of testimony I have just mentioned, there
4 are some special witness instructions required in this
5 case.

6 As you are aware the Government contends that
7 through the testimony of a witness, Jeff Pierce, it has
8 in addition to circumstantial evidence offered direct
9 proof of conspiracy. Mr. Pierce is named in the indict-
10 ment as one of the co-conspirators. By his own admission
11 on the stand he must be regarded as an accomplice in the
12 offense with which the defendants are on trial are
13 charged.

14 An accomplice is one who wilfully associates
15 himself with the commission of a crime. The law does
16 not prohibit the use of accomplice testimony and whether
17 you approve or disapprove of its use should not enter
18 into your consideration of the case. In certain types
19 of cases the Government is, of necessity, frequently
20 compelled to rely upon the testimony of an accomplice.
21 Otherwise it would be difficult to detect or prosecute
22 some wrongdoers, and that is particularly true with
23 conspiracy cases.

24 Often the Government has no choice in the matter.
25 It must take witnesses to the transactions as they

3 are. There is no requirement in the Federal Court that
4 the testimony of an accomplice be corroborated. A
5 conviction may rest on the uncorroborated testimony of
6 such a witness, if he is found credible and reliable.
7 However, the testimony moreover of such a witness should
8 be viewed with great caution and scrutinized very care-
9 fully. Nevertheless it does not follow, because a
10 person has acted or been a participant in a crime or is
11 an accomplice in that he's not capable of giving a
12 truthful version of what occurred. You should ask
13 yourselves these questions:

14 Did Pierce give false testimony or color his
15 testimony contrary to fact because he has not been
16 prosecuted on the remaining charges in the indictment
17 or believes that his cooperation may result in more
18 lenient treatment. If you find his testimony was
19 deliberately untruthful, you should unhesitatingly
20 reject it. On the other hand, if upon after a cautious
21 and careful examination you are satisfied he has given
22 a truthful version of the essential events, beyond a
23 reasonable doubt, there is no reason why you should not
24 accept it.

25 You also heard in this case the testimony of
Robert Henderson, a Government chemist concerning the

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2 nature of the substance in the plastic bags admitted
3 into evidence as Government's Exhibits. The rules of
4 evidence ordinarily do not permit witnesses to testify
5 as to opinions or conclusions. An exception to this
6 rule exists as to those whom we call expert witnesses.
7 Witnesses, who by knowledge, skill, training or educa-
8 tion have become expert in some art, science, profession,
9 or vocation may state an opinion as to relevant and
10 material matters in which they profess to be experts
11 and may also state the reason for the opinion.

12 You may consider the expert opinion received in
13 evidence that the substance in the bags is hashish oil
14 and give it such weight as you may think it deserves.
15 If you should decide that the opinion of Mr. Henderson
16 is not based upon sufficient knowledge, skill, experience,
17 training or education, or if you should conclude that
18 the reasons given in support of the opinion are not
19 sound or that, the opinion is outweighed by other
20 evidence, then you may disregard the opinion entirely.
21 If you decide that the opinion of Mr. Henderson is based
22 upon sufficient knowledge, skill, experience, training
23 or education and the reasons given in support of the
24 opinion are sound, then you may credit his testimony
25 concerning the nature of the substance which the

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2 Government contends is the hashish oil found in the
3 suitcase in evidence and referred to in the indictment.

4 The fact that some of the Government witnesses,
5 I think probably only one of the Government witnesses,
6 in this case was a Government employee or police officer
7 does not entitle his testimony to any greater weight
8 or consideration than afforded to any other witness in
9 the case. There were either one or two customs officers
10 and they are in the same equivalent role. You evaluate
11 their credibility the same way you do that of any other
12 witness. If you find that any witness and that applies
13 alike to Government and defense, wilfully testified
14 falsely as to any material fact you have a right to
15 reject the testimony of that witness in its entirety.
16 You may accept that part or portion which commends
17 itself to your belief as credible.

18 Now, the law permits but does not require a
19 defendant to testify in his own behalf. The defendant
20 Bradley Branick has taken the witness stand. Obviously
21 he has a deep personal interest in the results of his
22 prosecution.

23 Interest creates a motive for false testimony
24 and in appraising his credibility you may take that into
25 account. However, it by no means follows that
simply because a person has a valid interest in the

2 end result that he is not capable of telling a truthful,
3 candid and straightforward story. It is up to you to
4 decide whether the defendant's interest has affected
5 or colored his testimony.

6 The defendant Barbara Tira has not testified in
7 this case. That is her absolute right and in no respect
8 may be considered by you as any evidence against her or
9 as a basis for any presumption or inference unfavorable
10 to her. You must not permit that fact to weigh in the
11 slightest degree against her, nor should it enter into
12 your deliberations or discussions.

13 The evidence in the case consists of testimony
14 of all witnesses except that which I have instructed
15 you to disregard and all exhibits received in evidence.
16 All evidence, whether or not I have referred to it in
17 these instructions or counsel have mentioned it in
18 their summations is important and must be considered by
19 you. If per chance any reference to testimony that is
20 not in agreement with your recollection and I have stated
21 this before, you are to disregard such references and I
22 emphasize this as strongly as I can. Always it is your
23 recollection and yours alone that governs and you must
24 unhesitatingly reject any statement as to a fact, whether
25 made by the Court or counsel which does not coincide

with your own recollection of the evidence.

Bear in mind that the guilt or innocence of the defendants on trial must be determined solely upon the evidence presented against them or the lack of evidence. You must remember, as I have said, that each defendant is entitled to have your consideration as though he or she were alone on trial.

Now, where two or more persons are charged with the commission of a crime, the guilt of one defendant may be established without proof that all of the defendants perpetrated every act constituted in the offenses charged. Now, the jury must give separate consideration, as I have said, to each individual defendant and to each separate charge against him or her. Each defendant is entitled to have his case determined from his own conduct and from the evidence that may be applicable to him. During the course of the trial the attorneys at various times have objected to certain questions and moved to strike answers and have taken other procedural positions before you. These are matters of technical procedure that are the proper concern of attorneys and should not concern you. I instruct you are not to draw any inference from the fact that an attorney may have made objections and motions before you during the trial.

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convicted to enter into your deliberations or to influence your verdict in any way.

Your duty is to decide the case solely and only upon the evidence and in the event of a conviction the duty of imposing sentence rests solely with the Court.

Each Juror is entitled to his or her own opinion, but each should, however, exchange views with his fellow Jurors.

That is the very purpose of jury deliberation, to discuss and to consider the evidence; to listen to the arguments of fellow Jurors:

To present your individual views; to consult with one another; and to reach an agreement based solely and wholly on the evidence, if you can do so without violence to your own individual judgment.

Each one of you must decide the case for himself and herself after consideration with his or her fellow jurors.

But you should not hesitate to change an opinion which, after discussion with your fellow Jurors, appears to be erroneous..

However, if after carefully considering all the evidence, and the arguments of your fellow Jurors, you entertain a conscientious view that differs from others

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2 you are not to yield to your judgment simply because
3 you are outnumbered or outweighed.

4 Your final verdict must reflect your conscien-
5 tious view as to how the issue should be decided. The
6 charge here, as I have said, is a serious one. The
7 just determination of this case is important to the
8 public; it is equally important to these defendants.

9 Under your oath as Jurors you must decide the
10 case without fear or favor and solely, as I have stated
11 any number of times, in accordance with the evidence and
12 the law.

13 If the Government has failed to carry its burden
14 as to a defendant, your sworn duty is to acquit. If it
15 has carried its burden as to a defendant, you must not
16 refrain from your sworn duty, you must convict.

17 Now, members of the Jury, to sort of simplify
18 your task, because there are two defendants and five
19 counts, I prepared a special form of verdict in which
20 each count is briefly summarized and the defendant's
21 name under each and the words guilty or not guilty,
22 which you may follow as your outline during your deli-
23 berations.

24 I am going to hand the original to the Foreman,
25 Juror Number One and I have extra copies for each one of

2 you to have in the jury room. There will be twelve
3 copies to go with the original.

4 I am going to let you retire for a moment while
5 I give counsel the opportunity to inform me, out of
6 your presence, whether I've misspoken anything in the
7 course of these instructions or omitted anything that
8 should have been spoken. Then I'll turn these papers
9 over to you, you may have a copy of the indictment with
10 you in the jury room. I'll give that to the Foreman
11 also.

12 Now, while I think of it, many exhibits have
13 been admitted here. There is much testimony recorded
14 by the reporters. My suggestion is that when you begin
15 your deliberations, you try to determine amongst your-
16 selves, perhaps following this outline, count by count
17 and if there are any issues that are trouble to you and
18 you feel it is important and that it may be resolved
19 perhaps by seeing an exhibit or if necessary by having
20 some testimony reread. Remember, in requesting testi-
21 money it would be preferable not to ask for the whole
22 testimony of someone to be reread, but just that parti-
23 cular portion which may satisfy some particular question
24 that has come up.

25 The same with respect to any exhibit in evidence.

2 They are all in evidence here and we're not trying to
3 keep them from you. It's important in an effort to
4 have you focus on your deliberations, on specific
5 matters and take them one at a time.

6 Now, the way you communicate with the Court, you
7 will be provided with a pad and pencil. You write a
8 note in which if you have a question, write it out and
9 if you have some other communication, write that out.
10 You hand it to the Marshal, knock on the door and he'll
11 give it to the Court. We will convene and counsel will
12 confer about the response to be made to your inquiry.
13 So, you will take a five-minute recess while I speak
14 to counsel.

15 (Jury excused.)

16 MR. WEINBACH: I have no objection at all to the
17 charge. I just want to ask the Court, I take it you
18 are amenable if the Jury could be kept at least until
19 a reasonable hour?

20 THE COURT: I will. It may be that we'll send
21 them out to get something to eat and have them come
22 back. Now, I have to go to a meeting of the judges at
23 5:00 o'clock. That usually lasts for an hour. So, I
24 hope they won't come in with questions during that time.
25 One can't guarantee that. Do we have any left over, I

2 there is aiding and abetting one another with respect
3 to the April 8, 1976 matter.

4 THE COURT: I'll make that clear for them.

5 (Following occurred in open court.)

6 THE COURT: To overcome any possible confusion
7 in your mind, you may recall that I did not repeat the
8 aiding and abetting charge or instruction I should call
9 it as given it to you here simply because I pointed out
10 when we came to the other counts dealing with the events
11 on April 8, 1976, the same principles would apply there.
12 That is you will recall in this instruction I said the
13 suitcase carried by Jeff Pierce, because I was then
14 talking about Count Two of the indictment which charges
15 Jeffrey Pierce with having brought in the suitcase,
16 imported it, in other words, on April 4, 1976. Count
17 Four and Five deals with the events on April 8, 1976
18 and aiding and abetting applied to those counts as well.
19 Do you understand that? You follow me? There seems to
20 be someone with a doubtful look?

21 FOREMAN: Will you say that again?

22 THE COURT: I'm saying you remember that you are
23 guided by the special form of verdict. Count One is
24 the conspiracy count. Count Two is importing a quantity
25 of hashish oil on or about April 4, 1976. That is the

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2 suitcase that Mr. Pierce carried in. Count Three is
3 possessing on that same date. The same hashish oil in
4 the same suitcase that Jeff Pierce carried.

5 Count Four is importing a quantity of hashish
6 oil on or about April 8, 1976. That was the second
7 arrival, the arrival in which defendants Branick and
8 Tira came through customs. Do you understand that,
9 aiding and abetting applies to that count and also to
10 the possession of April 8, 1976. It applies right
11 through. Do you follow me? You still seem to have a
12 question written on your face, if not in your mind.
13 Let me put it this way.

14 If you were satisfied from the evidence, this
15 is just a hypothesis, I'm not suggesting that the
16 evidence shows it, but if you were to find from the
17 evidence that when Miss Tira came in with a bag, on
18 April 8, 1976, containing the second portion of the
19 hashish oil, let's put it that way, and if you also
20 found, again hypothetically, that the defendant Branick
21 had something to do with that mode of bringing it in,
22 utilizing another person to carry it in, if he were the
23 one who induced that person or commanded her or aided
24 her, in other words, bringing it about, he could be an
25 aider and abettor if there is evidence indicating he

2 knowingly participated in it. Do you understand?

3 That's what I mean when I say aiding and abetting applies.

4 Similarly, if you turn it around, if the evidence
5 satisfies you that Branick was an actor or participant
6 in whatever it was, in the negotiations, procuring this
7 hashish oil and utilized Miss Tira to carry it in, she
8 could be an aider and abettor to the importation, as I
9 say, if you are satisfied, provided you found that she
10 knowingly and wilfully participated in that, even though
11 she wasn't a principal. But, she simply agreed, she
12 would have it in her suitcase and bring it in.

13 Do you understand that? That's what I'm trying
14 to make clear. But, it is up to you to find out whether
15 the evidence established those relationships beyond a
16 reasonable doubt.

17 Now, are you ready to return and resume your
18 deliberations?

19 MS. SOLLEDER: May we approach the side bar
20 before the Jury goes out?

21 (Side-bar.)

22 MS. SOLLEDER: It seems to me in view of the
23 example you gave, a similar example should be given with
24 respect to Pierce.

25 THE COURT: Pierce is of course not on trial.

2 That's the problem.

3 MS. SOLLEDER: But they're charged with aiding
4 and abetting him four days before.

5 THE COURT: I'm assuming they understand that.

6 They are the persons on trial. I wanted to make it
7 clear to the Jury, there seems to be a question on one
8 of their faces, at least one Juror, as related to the
9 other counts. That's what I was trying to clear up.

10 If there's any confusion in their minds I want it clear
11 that they understand.

12 MR. CORBETT: Does your Honor plan to stay for
13 a verdict?

14 THE COURT: I'm going to let them return and
15 deliberate. We will wait and see.

16 (Following occurred in open court.)

17 THE COURT: All right, members of the Jury, you
18 may return to your deliberations.

19 (Whereupon, the Jury returned to their delibera-
20 tions at 3:40 p.m.)

21 THE CLERK: Jury note, marked Court Exhibit 11.

22 (Whereupon, the court recessed.)

23 (Whereupon, the court resumed.)

24 (Time noted, 3:50 p.m.)

25 (Jury not present.)

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